

December 5, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

At approximately 1:55 P. M., Friday, November 22, 1963, I was in the vicinity of the Texas Theater in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, looking for the suspect in the slaying of Officer J. D. Tippit.

By police radio, I received information the suspect was at the Texas Theater and I reported to that location. On arrival, I was told that the building was covered off outside and to go inside the theater.

Once inside, I requested either an usher or the Assistant Manager to turn on as many lights as possible.

Detective Paul Bentley and I, along with some uniform officers, went to the balcony of the theater. We checked to see that all the fire exits were covered and that a check of the patrons was being made, and then we started back to the lower floor to see the situation at that location.

About the time I reached the bottom of the stairs, I heard an officer yell, "I've got him!" And, I also heard a struggle. I ran inside the lower floor of the theater and saw several officers attempting to restrain a person. Someone yelled that the man had a pistol and then as I joined the other officers in attempting to complete the arrest, I heard someone else say they had the gun.

Officers M. N. McDonald, T. A. Hutson, Ray Hawkins, C. T. Walker, Bob Carroll, K. E. Lyons, Paul Bentley, Bob Barrett, from the F.B.I., and I succeeded in subduing the suspect, and while the other officers held the suspect, Officer Ray Hawkins and I handcuffed the suspect.

Captain W. R. Westbrook instructed us to get the prisoner away from the location as soon as possible. Officers Walker, Lyons, Carroll, Bentley, and I flanked the man and also protected him from the front and rear. In this formation, we moved through the lobby of the theater and out to a car parked in front of the theater.

We placed the suspect in the rear seat of the car with Officer Bentley on his left and Officer Walker on his right. I sat in the center of the front seat with Officer Lyons on my right and Officer Carroll drove.

As Officer Carroll started to get into the car, he pulled a snub-nosed revolver from his belt and handed it to me. He stated this was the suspect's gun and that he had obtained it from Officer McDonald immediately after the suspect was subdued.

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When the pistol was given to me, it was fully loaded and one of the shells had a hammer mark on the primer.

I retained this gun in my possession until approximately 3:15 P. M., Friday, November 22, 1963, when in the presence of Officers Carroll and McDonald, I turned the weapon over to Detective T. L. Baker of the Homicide and Robbery Bureau.

At the time the pistol was released to Detective Baker, McDonald, Carroll and I had all marked it for identification purposes, and in the presence of McDonald and Carroll, I marked the side of the casing on all the shells, which were also turned over to Detective Baker at the same time.

Respectfully submitted,

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